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¶1. A Boeing representative and aviation consultant told Econ officers on March 19 that Philippine officials are still not implementing the changes necessary to regain a Federal Aviation Administration Category 1 safety rating. The most urgent action items identified by the aviation consultant included 1) appointing someone to head the newly created Philippine Civil Aviation Authority, 2) hiring qualified aviation inspectors, and 3) installing a new computer system. The consultant stated that in his opinion regaining Category 1 would take at least one year after these three critical elements are in place.

¶2. Philippine officials still have made no decision regarding hiring this or any other consultant. Boeing and Embassy are working with the Philippine officials to encourage effective action.

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